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At the last meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association the retiring president submitted his annual report. The work of this organization has been very gratifying and is worthy of comment. The membership for the year numbers seventy. Nearly sixty per cent. of this number have been enrolled in voluntary Bible classes. A class for the systematic study of missions has also been conducted. In this class the course prescribed by the Student Volunteer Movement has been carefully followed. The intercollegiate relations of the Association have been well kept up. Ursinus has been well represented at all the State, National and International conferences that have been held during the year. World's Student Federation Day was observed, at which the members were made acquainted with the history and purposes of this Federation. Traveling secretaries have visited us from time to time, and letters of greeting have been received from associations in other colleges. A public reception at the beginning of the year, daily meetings during the Week of Prayer at which addresses were made by distinguished speakers, services on the Day of Prayer for colleges and occasional meetings at which missionaries and other workers have addressed the students, have comprised the special features of the year's work, by means of which the Association has kept a prominent position in the college.

The beneficent results of the work of this organization must be very apparent. The life of the student has been greatly

broadened. As a member of this great intercollegiate movement he has been brought in touch with the great student world, and by means of its educational work has been given a wider view of the world's problems and needs. The devotional meetings and the individual Bible study have been a means of quickening the religious life. No one can estimate the good which this organization has been silently but powerfully working in the college. Through its influence Christian men have been led to see a deeper meaning in life, and others have been kept from evil and led to God. The Association is honored and respected by every man in college and we have every reason to believe that under the providence of God, its power for good will be increased during the years to come.

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In a recent meeting of the Athletic Association the Chairman announced the glad tidings that through the kindness of some good friends who came to the relief

of the Committee, the debt with which the Association has been burdened was nearly all paid, the balance yet unpaid being also in sight. No more welcome nor more joyful news could have come to the Association. It is much more difficult to make contributions to a debt than to some prospective enterprise, and we admire the men who so nobly removed this burden. Their names have not been mentioned. We wish they were, so that, as students who enjoy their kindness, we might know personally whom to honor. But our heartiest thanks are extended to these benefactors.

The safe plan for the future is to avoid contracting heavy debt. When there is need for a large expenditure let those in charge of affairs realize the need long enough before and make an effort to secure the necessary money in advance. Contributions will be made much more freely then, and the finances of our athletics managed with much less unpleasantness.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

### NEAL DOW.

*Eulogy delivered at the Anniversary of the Zwinglian Society by Charles Alliber Butz, '99.*

New England poetry is ever rich in fitting language to commemorate the virtues and services of its illustrious citizens and true patriots. In every strain of affectionate admiration and highest appreciation, the press, the pulpit and the public in general have spoken the praise of Neal Dow, who has won for himself a fame that is not limited or local, neither the treasure of a state, nor the possession

of the nation, but the common property of the whole Christian world.

Honest parents in the city of Portland, Maine, were made happy on the 20th of March, in the year of our Lord, 1804, by the birth of this noble hero. His father's genius and his mother's self-reliance and determination blended in sweet harmony to bless his childhood and were all favorable to the development of strength of character and to the promotion of independence in thought and action which were so nobly displayed during the sterner realities of life.



His younger days were spent in public and private schools where he had fitted himself for a collegiate course; but the objections of his parents prevented the realization of his cherished desires. Yet his studying did not cease at the time of leaving school, but he immediately commenced a systematic course of reading which through his long and eventful life was his chief source of recreation. He was truly a born scholar, for he always delighted to commune with the silent voice of literature, which bore him on the wings of ancient and modern geniuses into an atmosphere of serenity and purity, charging his mind with the true electric fire and permitted him, as the years passed, to walk in the light of an ever enlarging multitude of well chosen, silent, but unerring guides.

As industry was regarded a virtue to be cultivated, we find him early engaged in business with his father. He possessed all the elements requisite to success in business and early accumulated a competency. He had no desire, however, for the possession of a large fortune and in early life came to the determination that, when he should have made ample provision for his declining years, he would devote the time to what he believed to be the most popular movement of the day. His abilities and honesty manifested themselves in all his undertakings. Duty, honor and integrity were the active principles in his daily life. He had the confidence of the entire community, and in recognition of his sterling qualities he was promoted to various positions of prominence, even to the highest honor of his city, and also represented his district in the legislature for one term.

It was while serving his first term as

mayor of Portland that he secured the enactment of a law that has lifted him into fame and has made his name dear to every Christian heart, yea, perchance, has raised him to be a star of the first magnitude in the great galaxy of human progress and civilization and will ever be the source of great inspiration to him who would behold it. This measure has not only given a blow to the saloon in his own state, but has been the means which brought him before the eyes of almost the entire English-speaking world to present the great cause of temperance reform.

While his name will live in history because of his untiring support of the principle of temperance, his public labors have by no means been confined to one cause. Early in life he became interested in the anti-slavery movement, and when that contest opened he devoted himself to the service of his country with all the enthusiasm and self-abandonment that characterized him in his great life-work.

And thus when the bugle song resounded throughout this glorious country, when the starry emblem of liberty and patriotism was trampled upon and even saturated with fraternal blood, although past the age when men are supposed to be equal to the hardships of a soldier's life, yet he felt an inward prompting which led him to raise a regiment of volunteers and at the same time a battery of artillery to go forth to fight in defense of liberty and freedom. Patriotism was the sole plank of his platform. To him no sacrifice was too great, no undertaking too difficult, no charge too desperate, no exposure too severe, no siege too hazardous. He commanded on the battle

line and never ordered his men to go where he would not lead. He was twice wounded and imprisoned for nine months in a southern pen; and after a faithful service of three years he was honorably discharged.

After his return from the war he devoted his time and strength exclusively to antagonizing that which he was convinced was blockading the path to the highest human happiness. In response to invitations he advocated and explained that policy in almost every state in the union, in many British provinces and in Great Britain, always with a strong faith in the Almighty for ultimate success. But he knew that which he hoped for would be deferred until men and women did their full duty.

He was not impelled by a desire for the approval of men. In his life's work he encountered remorseless opposition without dread and received immeasurable applause without vanity. Calumny could not divert, nor could flattery allure him from his course. Praise was nothing to him if it was not prompted by a willingness to relieve the world of evil. His fiery words penetrated the hearts and homes of the people wherever he presented his cause. They twined themselves entirely around the hearts of his hearers and helped to swell the list of names that stand for true manhood and pure womanhood. He saw afar off the goals to which duty pointed and fixing his eye upon it, he never looked aside, but moved straight toward it. Nothing less than a steadfastness like that could have accomplished what he did. Cheered by his confidence, convinced by his logic, inspired by his courage, a score of states ranged themselves under the banner he raised, while a vast

multitude of men followed him as closely as their judgment or courage would permit.

But after the shadows of a useful career had lengthened even into the very gates of twilight, and had almost reached the century mark, when the curfew had "told the note of parting day," "God's finger touched him" and he fell asleep. Indeed no painter's pencil, no poet's rhythm could describe that magnificent sunset. It was not a hurricane blast let loose but a soft gale from heaven, that drove into the dust the blossoms of that almond tree which had flourished for such a long period.

He is not dead, although we no more see him. Behold how vast and various is his life! His fame rests securely in the nation he loved and helped to save, in the millions of hearts that he taught the peculiar lessons of patriotism and morality, in the thousands of homes that he made brighter and happier by his life.

When time's cruel finger shall have washed away all marble shafts and monuments, and the progress of centuries shall have levelled all mounds and tombs, yea, perchance, when the heralds of the Invisible One shall proclaim that "time shall be no more," the life and deeds of Neal Dow will stand with unfading brightness outliving the wreck of ages and the crash of worlds.

"Let his great example stand  
Colossal, seen of every land,  
Till through all lands and through all human story,  
The path of duty be the way to glory."

#### THE GROWTH OF THE POETIC SPIRIT IN WORDSWORTH.

William Wordsworth, who ranks as the fifth great English poet, was born at



Cockermouth in Cumberland, on the seventh of April, 1770. His early childhood was passed partly at Cockermouth, and partly at Penrith, with his maternal grandfather. His first teacher, Mrs. Anne Birket, taught her pupils chiefly by rote, thus not cultivating their reasoning faculties.

In 1778 Wordsworth lost his mother, a pious woman, whose wise counsel and affection had hitherto been his main support. In this same year he was sent to a school founded by Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of York, in the year 1585, at Hawkshead, in Lancashire; here nine years of the poet's life were passed among these people of simple habits, and he soon acquainted himself with the mountains, lakes and streams of his native district, storing his mind with pure and noble associations.

Wordsworth's amusements, hunting, fishing, skating, rowing, and long walks, created in him an intense love of nature and increased his habits of observation.

The primitive and hardy race with which he associated, kept alive the traditions and customs of the past, and the common level of all interests fostered unconventional ways of thought and speech. The young poet's resort to solitude also induced reflection and individuality of character. Here he learned the homely humanity which gives his poems such tenderness and depth of sincerity.

In October, 1787, soon after the death of his father, Wordsworth left school for St. John's College, Cambridge, already a fair Latin scholar, where he made rapid progress both in languages and mathematics. Among the first books he read were Don Quixote, Gil Blas, Gulliver's Travels,

and Tale of a Tub, committing to memory many of the poems of Goldsmith and Gray.

Wordsworth's early orphanage aided in forming a character naturally impatient of control, for he himself tells us that, as a child, he was "stiff, moody, and of violent temper."

During his college life he did not distinguish himself as a scholar. His vacations were spent in his native lake country with his sister Dorothy, a woman of rare natural gifts, who had much to do with the formation and tendency of the poet's mind, teaching an original, harsh and austere imagination to surround itself with fancy and feeling.

Wordsworth's sense of melody was singularly dull, and some of his productions suffer greatly in comparison with those of Goethe and others, whose poems are full of grace and charming cadences.

The growth of the poet's mind and the influences which shaped it, are to be looked for in his works, for he truthfully recorded them there.

It is said of Wordsworth that he did not grow as those poets do in whom the artistic sense predominates, but that that which is precious in his poems was a gift, not an achievement.

Some of Wordsworth's poems met with little success, particularly his "Descriptive Sketches," and the "Evening Walk," but a slight failure never baffled him, for with that self-trust which is sublime in a man of genius, he continued his work with renewed vigor.

His Odes to Duty, and Immortality are noble poems and were received by the public with just appreciation of their real worth.

M., '98.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

### MISSIONARY ADDRESSES.

Within one week Ursinus has been favored with the visits of two foreign missionaries. The first was by the Rev. D. B. Schneder, Missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan, who was accompanied by the Rev. H. Shimanuki, a native preacher, and the second by Mr. Robert P. Wilder, of India, who is at present making a tour of the theological seminaries in the United States, in the interest of the Student Volunteer movement.

#### REV. SCHNEDER'S ADDRESSES.

Rev. Mr. Schneder was with us Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 and 17. On Wednesday evening he addressed an audience of students and townspeople in the college chapel on the origin, growth and prospect of mission work in Japan. After describing Sendai, his residence city in northern Japan, he proceeded to speak of idolatry as practiced in Buddhism and Shintoism and of the ways in which the evil is being supplanted by Christianity. He spoke at some length upon the character of Japanese schools and of the importance of reaching the educated classes. Education as a means of evangelization was particularly emphasized in regard to Japanese women, that the Christian home may be established. He then referred to the direction of Providence in the origin and growth of the Reformed Church in Japan and after presenting the present conditions and needs, closed with an appeal in behalf of Christianity in this rapidly rising empire of the East.

Mr. Shimanuki also made a brief address on the same general subject.

Thursday morning Rev. Schneder again spoke on the difficulties incident to the acceptance of the Christian religion in Japan, and told of the persecutions some of the most prominent workers had to endure. Mr. Shimanuki then made an address in his native tongue which was interpreted by Mr. Schneder.

#### MR. WILDER'S ADDRESSES.

Mr. Robert P. Wilder, who is well known in the missionary world as one of the founders of the Student Volunteer Movement and who has been laboring for a number of years among the students of India, visited the College and School of Theology on Wednesday, March 23. At three o'clock he spoke to the students of the College and Academy on the World's Student Federation, tracing briefly the history of the ten great national student movements included in the Federation. He spoke of the plans and purposes of this world-wide movement among students and of the great amount of work that has already been done within the last few years of its existence. Under divine guidance the union of the Christian students of all lands, can be made a powerful agency in the evangelization of the world.

At four o'clock Mr. Wilder had a conference with the theological students. At this meeting he told how in other countries theological students take the lead in student Christian movements and asked the theological school here to join in the Inter-seminary Y. M. C. A. Movement.



The last meeting was in the evening, when he spoke to the students of all departments on the spirit-filled life. The addresses of Mr. Wilder made deep impressions on the students and there was a general regret that he could not remain longer.

### STATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The sixth annual contest of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Oratorical Union was held in the auditorium of the High School Building, Easton, Pa., March 11.

The seven colleges forming the union, namely, Lafayette, Lehigh, Muhlenberg, Ursinus, Swarthmore, Franklin and Marshall and Gettysburg, were each represented and the orations were all of a high order. Ursinus was represented by Wm. Brower Johnson, '98. Mr. Johnson possesses much natural talent and his oration has been highly complimented. That he did not win in the contest must not be regarded as reflecting unfavorably upon Ursinus, but rather as a proof of the merit of those who did win.

The Judges, R. W. Archibald of Scranton, Rev. W. R. Hufford, D. D., of Reading, and Rev. Charles Schall of Easton, awarded the first prize to John D. Clarke of Lafayette, Second to James W. Weeter of Gettysburg, and made honorable mention of Arthur C. Smedley of Swarthmore.

### SCHAFF SOCIETY.

Preparations are being made for the annual open meeting to be held in May. These meetings heretofore have been very successful and this one bids fair to

rank with those held in former years. The program is as follows: Declaimers, N. F. Gutshall, A., O. W. Hunsicker, 1901; H. W. Kochenderfer, 1901. Essayists, W. H. Klase, A.; H. W. Willier, 1901; H. B. Reagle. Orator, H. E. Bodder, 1900. Editor, J. S. Tomlinson, 1900.

O. V. Kaiser, of Philadelphia, recently joined the society as an active member.

### ZWINGLIAN SOCIETY.

The society celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary in Bomberger Hall on Friday evening, March 25. The music for the occasion was furnished by the College Orchestra and the College Glee Quartette. The speakers are to be commended alike for their excellent choice of subjects, giving variety as well as dignity to the occasion, and for their studied composition and careful preparation.

The anniversary committee and especially its chairman, W. M. Rife, '98, who was master of ceremonies, deserves credit for the splendid perfection of the arrangements and especially for the new department inaugurated in the way of more tasteful programs.

Following are the speakers and their subjects:

#### INVOCATION.

MR. EDWIN WARNER LENTZ.

SALUTATORY—The Conspiracy of Aaron Burr.

EDWIN ETHAN ALLEN KELLEY, 1901,  
New York City.

ORATION—Reunion of the Puritan and the Cavalier.  
RICHARD ALBERT RINKER, 1900,

East Mauch Chunk, Pa.

ORATION—Living Monuments.

CARL GEORGE PETRI, 1900, Philadelphia, Pa.

ORATION—The Decay of the Spanish Empire.

WALTER EARL GARRETT, '99, Lebanon, Pa.

EULOGY—Neal Dow.

CHARLES ALLIBER BUTZ, '99, Shamrock, Pa.



ZWINGLIAN ORATION—Emancipation from Mental Slavery.

JESSE SHEARER HEIGES, '99, Dillsburg, Pa. BENEDICTION.

The following members constituted the Anniversary Committee: Wm. Martin Rife, '98; George Wellington Kerstetter, '98; Charles Austin Waltman, '99; Harry Jackson Ehret, 1900; Edward Ethan Allen Kelley, 1901.

W. P. Fisher, of Philadelphia, recently joined the society.

### LOCALS.

New students are still coming.

Dr. Barnard recently made an investment in a new bicycle.

Butz, '99, led C. E. services at Iron Bridge on Sunday evening, March 20.

Mr. Sylvester H. Orr, Skippack, was on the college grounds on March 18.

Improvements are being made on the gravel walks leading through the campus.

E. J. Kuhns, Lansdale, was the guest of E. J. Laros, S. T., '99, on March 25-26.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs are filling dates at different times and places of late.

Miss Clara L. Sieger, Coplay, was the guest of Miss Carrie Kerschner, Special, last week.

The Juniors have almost finished Psychology, and will then take up History of Philosophy.

Miss Hattie Kerst, Philadelphia, visited friends at Ursinus during the latter part of last month.

Mr. H. S. Alderfer and Mr. Aug. G. Markley, Soudertown, made a call on friends on the 16th ult.

The Rev. H. H. Hartman, East Vincent, was a visitor at Ursinus during the middle part of last month.

Keplinger, A., conducted services in Valley Forge M. E. Church, for Kauffman, A., Sunday, March 20.

Stick, '99, has taken the managership of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, during the absence of Hershey, 1900.

Mr. F. G. Hobson entertained the students composing his class in Trinity Reformed Sunday-school on Tuesday evening, March 29.

Many compliments have been expressed on the work of the Ursinus Orchestra at the Zwinglian Anniversary last Friday evening.

A new back-stop was recently put on the athletic field, which was an investment wisely made. For the students to take an interest in a project, the property connected therewith dare not be in a delapidated condition.

Stick, '99, has accepted a call to play Bb Cornet with the New York State Soldier's and Sailor's Home Band, Bath, New York. Mr. Stick expects to leave shortly. The band is composed of one hundred and two members.

Miss Mumford, Librarian, is certainly manifesting considerable interest in the work of the literary societies by furnishing the members who are "put on debate," with all available references on the subject which they are preparing. Such an interest in the success of the societies will receive the highest appreciation of the different bodies as it is a great stimulus to increase the interest of the meetings. As the student is generally crowded with work he seldom finds time

to reach all the magazines, periodicals, etc., for facts relating to his subject. But through the kindness of the Librarian

these difficulties are obviated and no speaker is justified to go before his society unprepared.

## ALUMNI PERSONALS.

'76. Rev. A. B. Markley, A. B., is pastor of a flourishing Lutheran church in Warren, Pa.

'76, S. T. Rev. C. H. Coon, A. M., pastor of Trinity church, Philadelphia, has resumed his pastoral duties, greatly improved in health by his southern trip.

'77. Rev. P. Y. Shelly, A. B., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Philipsburg, N. J., has been bereft of his wife by death. His Alma Mater and fellow alumni deeply sympathize with him and his family in their loss. Rev. Dr. Eckard, of the Brainerd Presbyterian church, Easton, Pa., paid a beautiful tribute to the life and character of the departed at the obsequies, in which President Spangler also participated.

'78. Lewis C. Royer, A. B., resides at Huntingdon, Pa., and is controlling large business interests in the central part of the state.

'79. Rev. James B. Umberger, D. D., is pastor of the Presbyterian church of the Musconetcong Valley in the state of New Jersey, and resides at Junction, N. J.

'80. Rev. J. Perry Beaver, A. B., of Nassau, N. Y., recently visited his sister at Norristown, Pa., Mrs. J. A. Strassburger.

'84. Rev. Jas. W. Meminger, A. B., pastor of St. Paul's Reformed church, Lancaster, Pa., has entered upon the eleventh year of his pastorate.

'87. Rev. Charles E. Wehler, A. M., of Manheim, Pa., supplied the pulpit of the First church, Philadelphia, Sunday, March 27.

'88. We have the following from the *Philaethean*, published by the students of Albright Collegiate Institute: "The Rev. J. Lewis Fluck, of the Reformed church of Meyerstown, has been amongst us twice during the last few weeks. He addressed us on College Day and on Washington's Birthday. To say that his talks are very much enjoyed by the students is putting it very mildly. He is deeply educated, a fluent speaker and a consecrated Christian worker. He is a graduate of Ursinus College and Seminary and has since taken a post graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania. Rev. Fluck takes a deep interest in education and can fully sympathize with student life."

'89. Rev. W. H. Wotring, A. B., of Nazareth, Pa., is represented at his Alma Mater by two young men, the one a member of the Sophomore class, the other a promising candidate for Freshman, '90.

'90, S. T. Rev. Jos. W. Bell is located at Strawberry Ridge, Montour county, Pa., in charge of two churches, to which he ministers very acceptably.

'91. Miss May Kratz is principal of the schools at Evansburg, Montgomery county.

'93. Prof. W. A. Kline, A. M. B. D., is pursuing a course of graduate study at

the University of Pennsylvania in connection with his duties as a member of the Faculty.

'93. Rev. J. C. Leonard B. D., Field Secretary for Catawba College, Newton, N. C., has been visiting the churches of Pennsylvania in his official capacity and is meeting with gratifying success in his work.

'94. Rev. H. H. Hartman, A. B., pastor of East Vincent Reformed church, Chester county, and Lic. George A. Stauffer, A. B., visited the college last week.

'94. Rev. H. H. Long, pastor of St. Vincent Reformed Church, near Spring City, Pa., was married Wednesday afternoon, March 23, to Miss Ellie May Heffner, at the bride's home in Altoona. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M.

S. Isenberg of the first Reformed Church of Spring City, assisted by Rev. J. F. Moyer of Christ Reformed Church of Altoona. The attendants were Rev. J. Hunter Watts of the Pleasantville Reformed Church Eureka, Pa., as best man, and Misses Mary Heffner and Mary Ward of McConnellstown, Pa., cousins of the bride, as maids of honor. The BULLETIN extends congratulations.

'96. S. T. Rev. Ross F. Wicks, Dayton, Ohio, has just issued a thirty-two page booklet entitled, "How to Win." It is address to the young and contains many excellent suggestions for making life successful.

'97. Maurice N. Wehler, A. B., is doing successful work as Instructor in Languages and History at Eichelberger Academy, Hanover, Pa.

## ATHLETICS.

In our last issue we made an undue reflection on the Athletic Committee which we here take the opportunity to correct. This committee is not indifferent to baseball interests as was stated, but supports with impartiality every feature of athletic enterprise.

On Saturday the 19th the first and second teams played a practice game, the result being a victory for the former team. These games serve not only as a means of developing the team, but they also afford pleasure and pastime to those who do not play. There is one point which was touched upon in the last number of the BULLETIN but which we feel will bear a little more consideration. It is a recognized fact that if the athletic de-

partment of any college is to prosper it must have the support of the faculty and students; and this fact becomes only more apparent when we apply it to our own college. Consequently it is the duty of every student to aid this enterprise in every way possible, and no student or professor who is really loyal to the institution will overlook this important factor in its development. Our schedule is a fine one and Captain Spangler deserves great credit for the faithfulness with which he fills his position.

At the last meeting of the Athletic Association, Whittock, '99, was elected Captain of the '98 football team, and Kepler, '98, was elected manager of the second baseball team.